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Increase of the grant-in-aid paid to the Srinivasa Mandiram or Dharmaja, Bangalore City.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Increase of the grant-in-aid paid to the orphanage attached to the Srinivasa Mandiram & ~~orphanage~~ Charities

From

~~The~~ Mr. A. Gopalacharlu

No. Peda. Dated 3-4-13 Received 18-4-13.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

States that the present grant of Rs 5 p.m. per mensem is quite insufficient and prays for an increased grant-in-aid.

NOTES AND ORDERS

R. Secretary's orders

"What about the order of Govt that the orphanage should be run on proper lines with Dharmadarsis &c. That aspect of the question should be taken up and

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worked up."

flag Z flag T 2) From the Govt orders no 5114-7 dy 3-5-06 and no 1463-8 dy 19-9-05 put up herewith, it is seen that the orphanage in question enjoys the following allowances from Govt

(i) A monthly grant of Rs 50/-

(ii) 10 acres of land under the Chamaraja Nala extension in the Erdatore Taluk, granted free of upset price. but subject to payment of the prescribed Kandayam.

3) In his present petition, Mr. Gopalacharlu states that ~~the~~ ~~and~~ the Govt grant of Rs 50/- is not even sufficient to provide the rice required for the orphanage. The establishment (attached to the orphanage alone is stated to cost Rs 50/- per mensem) and the one item of rice required for the orphanage is stated to cost about Rs 60/. In the annual report (of 1911-12) sent with his letter, it is stated that 18 orphans are being maintained in the orphanage. Further Mr. Gopalacharlu states that in these days

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of high prices no substantial help could be got from private sources and that it is found impossible to drag on at this rate any longer

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4) The file (M.7. 490-11) relating to the grant of a ~~building~~ ~~Coa~~ contribution from State funds for the construction of the orphanage is put up herewith. From the reference file (M 7. 319-09) put up therein, it is seen that a building grant equal to a moiety of the cost of the construction of the orphanage, subject to a maximum limit of Rs 5000/-, was promised on condition that Mr Gopalacharlu collected the other half of the estimated cost & submitted the plans to Govt within a reasonable limit of time and that the ~~char~~ charities were placed on a legally secure basis by appointment of trustees or by constitution of a committee of management. In his communication of 15-5-1912, Mr Gopalacharlu has stated that the institution is still in its embryonic stage & requires careful handling

vide G.O. No. 2038-40 M.7 319-09-3 & 12-2-1910.

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in its development at various stages and that there is so much to be done by individual exertion that the committee suggested by Govt may not be able to carry out as a body and has ~~suggested~~ opined that it would be well ~~to be well~~ to leave the institution for some time more in its present condition so that he may have the satisfaction of seeing the institution on a solid basis and then hand it over to a Board of Trustees.

Subs for orders to 1st Councillor

cegt (139) 19-4-13

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Mr Gopalachariar does not wish to have the trammels of a Board of trustees but would like to have an increase of Grant. Unless the institution is reported to be run under proper control and regular lines it might be expedient to consider the question of increase in the Grant. The Govt do not even know definitely what other Sources of income the institution has and what proportion.

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the Govt. should bear the whole expenditure. The funds of the Mandiram and the orphanage ought be administered separately & should think, it will be possible to find funds for the latter from the educational budget.

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Send a reply to the Manager on these lines

Let me see the last reply about the Committee from Mr. Gopalachariu please

8/6/13

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Sl 4 of M 7 456-11 put up herewith is the last reply from Mr Gopalachariu on the point. (Para 2 of this letter dated the 15th may 1912) Subd for orders to the Committee

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May be sent to the Dy. of Edn for remarks & opinion (Unofficially)

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Forwarded with compliments to the Inspector General of Education for favour of remarks and an expression of his opinion

Secretariat
28. 6. 13 Under Secy.

Rs 1892.7.13

I am not in a position to know the details of the working of the Orphanage. The orphanage at Cuddalore is working in the open daylight and it has a committee. If the Executive Officer accepts the supervision of the orphanage by a Committee, the question of enhancing the grant may be considered

2 July 1913. The Secretary Rao
I C of Govt

Endt 4-7-13. Commissioner
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A reply to this effect may be given. H

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Subd with a draft endorsement

cfd (139) 15-7-13. Refers an ext. complete. Pdg ext. see the order of 12-2-1910 regg. Govt the draft. Put up & flag.

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M.7.319-09, which contains the order in question, is put up herewith. The order has been flagged X.

Subd

cfd (139) 16.7.13.

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2. TO A/r A. Gopalachari.

Endorsement to Petn dt 3.4.13 No. 137 dt 21.7.13.

Informs that the question of enhancing the grant can be considered only after the Charities are placed on a legally secure basis by the appt. of Trustees or a Committee.

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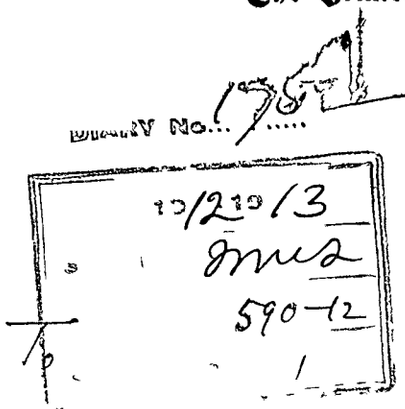
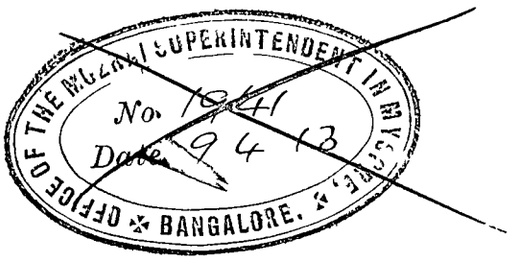
The Srinivasa Mandiram and Charities,

Bangalore, 3rd April 1913




Received on 18-4-13.

To

G Aravamudu Iyengar, Esq BA, BL,
Mysore Suptdt and Under
Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

As already represented in my letter submitting the Mandiram report for the year 1911-12 I now beg to report on the high prices that have been ruling the market for the past few years and the difficulties the Mandiram is subjected to consequently The Mandiram has been receiving a grant of Rs. 50/- towards the maintainance of the Orphanage for over two decades, and this is

quite

quite inadiquate to meet even the necessaries of life considering the rise in the market rates for articles of food This is quite evident to all the citizen of Bangalore. The Orphanage in its present Strength requires some 300 Seers of rice every month and this single commodity costs about Rs 60/- or Rs 10/- over the present grant, and the establishment costs Rs 50/- what the other necessaries cost may easily be inferred. The public help has been on the wane Since the rise of prices in the market They appear to Stick fast to the principle that charity should begen at home. As Such, it would be too much on the part of the Maniyam

to expect any substantial help from them in these hard days. The only source of relief left is the benign Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, who have invariably come forward with their generous and gracious help to extricate me from all my difficulties. I beg, therefore, that you will do your level best to help me out of my sore troubles by recommending to Government, for some reasonable increase of grant, as it is found to be impossible to drag on our existence any longer. A copy of the report is herewith submitted for ready reference.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

C. Subbaraya Chetty

# The Srinivasa Mandiram and Charities.

**(Established 1883.)**

[Enclosure:—The Anniversary Address by Mr. JOHAN VAN MANEN, Assistant Director, Adyar Library, Madras.]

## The 29th Annual Report.

## (FOR THE YEAR 1911—12.)

### INTRODUCTION.

"The race of mankind would perish, did they cease to aid each other. From the time the mother binds the child's head, till the moment that some kind assistant wipes the death-damp from the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help. All, therefore, that need aid, have a right to ask it from their fellow-mortals; no one who holds the power of granting, can refuse it without guilt."

SIR WALTER SCOTT

Thus the Mandiram has lived by mutual help in the past and it hopes to live again under the same help.

### THE YEAR.

Another year has passed. It is our duty to record what our humble labours were during the period. It greatly delights our heart to note that our prayers have been heard on behalf of God's children, and we feel encouraged to possess a substantial building of our own for the benefit of the Orphans. His Highness the Yuvaraja Bahadur of Mysore has relieved us from our anxiety and we are immensely grateful to him. Likewise, the Government of Mysore has given us its promised help. We thank God. He has prolonged our lives to see this happy consummation. What was a dream has now become a certainty and a fact This event is worthy of being mentioned in the annals of the Institution. Still we are not above some wants They are absolute necessities We want room for one or two spacious sick chambers, a large kitchen, a large bath-room, a store-room, and a convenient yard to answer the purposes of natural wants. Without these conveniences the management of the Institution would be impossible His Highness the Yuvaraja Bahadur was gracious enough to make certain suggestions, but the attainment of which is for the present beyond our means and ambition. Success, we cannot command and it should come to us of its own accord. If our work is really a pious one and of benefit to the public, we hope God will grant our prayers.

The Mandiram.

The fountain head of the Institution is SRINIVASA and to Him the work is dedicated His worship we regularly and efficiently maintain. We always strive hard to kindle piety and religious emotion And this is the important lesson we bear in mind in conducting the proceedings of the Mandiram. How we work to attain this object, will be apparent from the Annual Address which accompanies this Report During the year 550 devout pilgrims were fed and sheltered as usual The number is less by 100 than that shown last year. This is due to the high prices ruling the market

The Orphanage.

The present strength of the Orphanage stands at 18 lads in number. This was the figure maintained last year too. Their distribution educationally is as follows :—

3 in the Infant Class, 3 in the Canarese Second Class, 4 in the English First Class, 2 in the English Second Form and 6 in the English 3rd Form. All these have received their promotions and have gone a grade higher during the year Of this number, 2 boys were successful in passing the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination and have joined the IV Form of the London Mission High School, Bangalore City. One of these by name H. K. Gopalaiya has also passed the Elementary Examination held in November 1911, in the Drawing Section of the Madras Technical Examinations. Another lad Gopalachar, an orphan from Nagar, Shimoga District, who is now a major and for whom we had secured a Government Scholarship has come out successfully from the School of Arts, Madras, and is certified to be a well-trained student in certain departments of Drawing and practical work in Cabinet-making. Some of the designs, models and drawings of his own initiation are spoken of as praiseworthy. We are pleased, the Inspector-General of Education in Mysore, has kindly given him an appointment of a Drawing Master in the City Government High School, Bangalore He has an ambition to go to Japan to learn joinery We have made certain attempts in this direction but we can't say to what extent we will be able to help him in his wish. Another boy who joined the Orphanage when 10 or 12 years old has now picked up the 3 R's and is certified by the Rev. A. R. Fuller, B A , (London) Principal, Wesleyan High School, as competent to serve as an apprentice in some Firm or as a Clerk in any Office. The boy is named Krishnasamy, and he is about to take up the Agricultural line of training, which the Economic Conference in its Agricultural Section, is providing for some deserving students. We are thankful, the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, has already recommended him to the Secretary of the Agricultural Committee for a scholarship. We hope his case will be taken into consideration and that he will fare all well It is some satisfaction again to note that K. H. Gopalaiya whose name we have mentioned above, has been able to secure a small prize in the Dassara Exhibition (1912) for his Tooth Powder. The judges say that the attempt is "fairly commendable" We also forwarded to the Exhibition a number of additional articles made in cane and wood—together with two pairs of woollen socks, knit in the Sun Machine presented by His Highness the Yuvaraja Bahadur of Mysore A friend who visited the Exhibition felt pleased to inform us that these socks had secured a bronze medal and that he had arranged to purchase a pair. But we saw nothing of this matter mentioned in the papers. So we felt some doubt and wrote to the Secretary, and we are still expecting a reply. As a matter of encouragement to the boys we should be glad to hear of a good word said at least, though not their articles deserve a prize We believe, the Mandiram Orphanage boys deserve a small consideration like this for their industrial and manual labours The rest of the boys are all trained in rattan work and carpentry They are also receiving instruction in drawing and clay modelling.

The question of education and industrial training and manual labour is a difficult one. This is our humble experience which we have gained in the work of the Orphanage. We do not know in what particular direction we should train the lads to make them independent earners of bread. If they should go to Government or Grant-in-aid institutions, they are bound to abide by the Curriculum of the Schools concerned The lessons they have to make up there are many, and they command very little time to go for any particular industrial instruction The industrial instruction also requires a good foundation in education, and without which it will not be possible for the boys to make any advance. By the time they get such education, they become majors and the Orphanage will not be in a position to keep them and the education received by them would not be enough to secure an earning situation. Industrial training must begin with their A, B, C, from the Infant Class. Hence, we feel at times the want of a School of our own, having a course of special studies. Even this requires some recognition from the Educational Department We are only sorry the Mandiram has not the means to possess such a School. We should be glad, if gentlemen of practical experience and high educational attainments were to give us some advice in this matter

Some four or five months ago the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore asked us if we could take a foundling from the Maternity Hospital Such requisitions have come to us often, and we were sorry we could not give compliance These foundlings would be the most deserving objects of charity, if we had only sufficient conveniences to receive them. We require a separate building from the Orphanage with some space round about We must have at least two woman-servants and two wet-nurses and must have

funds not only to meet the salaries of these servants but also to provide for the protection of the babies neglected and thrown out. If the Government and the public would sympathise with us, we could do something in this cause. With regard to the boys now in the Orphanage we have various difficulties to struggle with. We are only relieved by the help, the Lady Secretary is giving us in this direction, and under the circumstances, it would be impossible to make room for foundlings also, unless we had a separate staff for the management of such a branch. This would be really God's work and God's Service, if some well-to-do person could think of a scheme.

Last year we mentioned in our report that it would greatly help us if the Deputy Commissioners kindly gave us some authentic information about the destituteship, &c., of the boys who came to us for admission, if we sought such aid from them. This question arose only on account of the Bangalore Deputy Commissioner, saying that he could not give any such information without a general ruling on the subject issued by Government. The Government favoured us a reply ($\frac{\text{No } 1905}{\text{Miz } 279-11}$. Dated the 23rd February 1912) intimating that the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District was written to, to report whether there can be any objection to help the Orphanage by getting reports of local officers about the antecedents and means, &c , of applicants. The matter rests here alone and it has not gone further We are eager that the Government should take some action again.

The year's obituary is indeed a long one. We expressed our sorrow in the speech we made on the Anniversary Day, April 1912, and recorded therein the loss we had sustained. Another death follows the number. We refer to the untimely demise of Mr. Masilamony Moodaliar Sub-Assistant Surgeon, in-charge of the Chamarajapet Dispensary, Bangalore City. He took a parental interest in the welfare of the lads and gave us all the medical help we needed This he did very willingly and evinced a love towards the inmates. We now find a gap rather difficult to fill in. We pray that the Government and the Senior Surgeon would do their best to appoint another Medical Officer to give us this absolutely needed help. With regard to girls and boys under 10 years of age, Dr. Miss R Govindarajalu of the Maternity Hospital, gives us much relief, but she has hardly any time to come to the Orphanage.

In 1911 we had some articles of cane, &c., sent to the Dassara Exhibition, but sorry they neither brought a prize nor a name. One or two flower baskets, however fetched a fair value.

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His Highness the Yuvaraja Bahadur accompanied by Lieut -Colonel R. G. Jones, C I E , Military Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja and Mr. M. Singaracharya, B A., His Highness (Yuvaraja's) Assistant, were graciously pleased to visit the Mandiram on the 22nd February 1912, and this day we reckon as a very auspicious one, worthy of being recorded He offered first his worship at the Shrine and then inspected the Library, Reading Room and the Orphanage very minutely. He was pleased to see all the boys and examine them in their studies and also in the handicrafts in which they were receiving instruction. He appeared impressed and made a close inspection of the site on which we are to erect the Orphanage, and suggested certain additions and improvements, which we have brought already to the kind notice of Government. We cannot say if any extension of the site is possible. But whatever the result of that may be, our arrangements for the building of the Orphanage on the site we possess are now complete. The plan and estimate for the same have also received the approval and sanction of Government We are also giving effect to the improvements pointed out to us by His Highness and the Government, by making certain necessary alterations in the plan. We are now collecting the materials required for the building and have commenced to build a temporary structure to accomodate the boys. As soon as this piece of work is finished, we will fix a day for the laying of the foundation-stone of the Orphanage building by His Highness the Yuvaraja Bahadur.

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We thankfully record that His Highness the Yuvaraja Bahadur was pleased to provide each boy with a set of new clothing. The same lead was taken by Dr. Armogum Moodaliar, and Srimati Nanjamma, daughter of Mr S. Narayana Rao, Retired Government Advocate The year's cold was pinching, and so we supplied blankets to all the boys, and towards which a small contribution was made by Mr. S. N. Subba Rao, Broker, Messrs. Binny & Company's Mills, Arlepet

The following days during the year under report, were days of great festivities and rejoicing. On the days noted, we not only conducted a Special Service and *Puja*, but we fed the Orphans of the Institution sumptuously:—

1. The Coronation Day at Delhi.
2. The King-Emperor's Birthday.
3. His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday
4. His Highness the Yuvaraja's Birthday
5. The Empire Day.

For the Coronation Day we were given a liberal contribution by Government for feeding the orphans and we are thankful for this consideration. On the King-Emperor's Birthday Mr B Subbanna, B A., B L, Advocate, was kind enough to give a very instructive lecture to the boys in Kanarese on the subject of "Loyalty." The lecture was very impressive and it was greatly a lesson to be learnt and appreciated.

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The feeding of the Depressed Classes.

In honour of Sri Ramanuja's Day observed in April 1912, we fed nearly a thousand poor persons including children of the depressed classes—Panchamas and others We had also arranged for a brief lecture to be given to them by one of our non-brahmin friends, explaining what their fallen condition was and how they should rise in the social scale. This our friend did very excellently. Funds for this feeding were kindly provided by the members of the Ladies' Section, and we record herein our gratitude to them. It would be a matter of great usefulness if they maintained this function every year regularly. We also note here that Mrs Nemberumaul Chetty of Madras had not forgotten the Mandiram. She was pleased to favour us with a remittance to feed the Orphans in honour of her son's marriage which was celebrated there

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Our Honours.

We feel immense pleasure that Mysore had its share of recognition at the Coronation Durbar held at Delhi His Highness the Yuvaraja Bahadur was conferred with the title of K C I E This is our country's honour and we greatly value the King-Emperor's appreciation of our Yuvaraja Bahadur on this historic day of the Coronation Durbar. We also rejoice that our sympathisers and friends Messrs. M. Visveswarayya, C.I.E., K P. Puttanna Chetty, Raja Sabha Bhushana and Dewan Bahadur, A Sundarmoorthy Moodliar, Rai Bahadur, and Doctors Armogam Modaliar, Rao Sahib, and C B. Rama Rao, M D, Rao Bahadur, have also received honors which they richly deserve.

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We have to add only a word more. In admitting boys to the Orphanage, we make no distinction among Hindus of all castes.

The Oriental and Mixed Library and Free Reading Room and the Ladies' Section

The importance of public Libraries are well brought to our notice in these days. Public and educational leaders are of opinion that institutions of the kind are very necessary in the interests not only of learning and literary growth and taste, but of general and popular education of the people. We have often written on the subject in our reports and it is unnecessary to say anything again There were 31,475 reading visitors during the year. Of this number 23,041 were males 6,834 were females and 1,600 were youngsters. The Ladies' Section is maintaining its work as efficiently as possible. It has many difficulties to contend with, owing to the peculiar conditions and social differences of our Society The Secretary says that interest must be created first and there must be many inducements of an attractive nature that would delight them and pave the way for the continuation of the movement. As an educational factor this attempt is indeed a great one, but it requires substantial help and co-operation, not only from Government but also from her sisters and their educated husbands. Then only some real progress would be possible The Secretary very humbly begs to express her gratitude to Mrs. T. Ananda

Rao, (Sowbaghyavati Sundaraboyamma), the President of the Section, and Mrs. K. S Chandrasekhara Iyer, (Sowbhagyavati Parvatamma), for the valuable help and lead they are always giving her. In the year, 55 weekly meetings were conducted. Many instructive lectures were delivered, and half a dozen of these were also printed and circulated. The meetings were attended by many mofussil visitors of respectability and position. They came from distant places, such as Travancore, Pudukotta, Madras and Rajamandri, &c

Of these 55 meetings, the most important one was the meeting that was held on the 12th December 1911 in honour of His Imperial Majesty's Coronation Day, celebrated at Delhi. The place at the Mandiram being limited, this meeting had to be conducted at Sringeri Mutt, in Sankarapura Extension The meeting was very largely attended and it was thoroughly representative in its character. There were European, Hindu, Mohamadan and Parsee Ladies to be counted. Owing to the absence of Mrs. T. Ananda Rao, Mrs. K S Chandrasekhara Iyer was requested to take the Chair as President of the meeting Sowbhagyavati Vengadamma kindly read the opening speech of the meeting on behalf of the Secretary in English, which is as follows :—

MRS. PRESIDENT AND LADIES.—To-day is a remarkable day. India begins a new chapter in its History. After many changes, in times and circumstances, it was the will of the Providence that we Indians should have been brought under the protection of the British Sovereign. To-day's epoch making event carries us to ancient times and recalls to us the memory of the Coronation of Yudhistira and Sreerama Chandra. Since those times, though history has recorded some coronations of Mogul Emperors, it was reserved to George V out of the many English Sovereigns, to come to India in person with his Royal Consort to be coronated and crowned as King-Emperor and his Queen as Queen-Empress of India. This great ceremonial is taking place in Delhi, our old Royal City, Indraprastha We take pride to add our humble mite to the universal demonstrations that the country is loyally exhibiting to-day, and at this moment we are all overwhelmed with joy, and our hearts are full and we find it difficult to give an adequate expression to our feelings of love and devotion towards Their Imperial Majesties the King-Emperor and the Queen-Empress. We simply wish them all health, wealth, peace, progress and prosperity. May their reign be glorious and great, may our beloved Maharaja's relationship with them ever grow firmer and stronger and unite this country into one bond of union and friendship with them !

A Canarese translation of the above was also read by Mrs. K. P. Puttanna Chetty.

When this speech was over, a number of girls who had received a special training had a pleasant and interesting national dance combined with music and singing of particularly composed songs for the auspicious occasion. This part of the function was much enjoyed by the audience. A congratulatory telegram, was then adopted and despatched to His Imperial Majesty at Delhi.

The President then closed the Meeting with the speech below appearing :—

DEAR SISTERS,—Mrs. Puttanna Chetty has explained fully and in a manner which all can understand the particulars of the solemn event which has brought us all together here.

This day is a very important day indeed. It is the first time that a British Emperor has favoured this country with a visit. We have till now only read about the coronations of Emperors in *puranas* and histories, but never witnessed such an event in actual life. This day it has been given to us to take part in the celebrations connected with the Coronation of our Emperor. In token of His Majesty's equal affection towards all parts of His dominions, he has now gladdened the hearts of his subjects here by holding the Coronation Durbar in India, just as His Majesty had done in his birth-place of England by celebrating the Coronation there.

Now, the British Empire that His Majesty rules is no ordinary one. It is so very extensive that the sun is said never to set upon it, and its administration is conducted with justice and strength. To be subjects of such a great Empire is indeed our good fortune and an honour to us all. And great are the benefits we have derived from the circumstance : such as the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, the administration of equal justice, schools and colleges for imparting education, hospitals for medical treatment, railways, steamers and other facilities for travelling, post offices, the telegraph, and innumerable other conveniences.

The great attachment and loyalty produced in the minds of the people by these various causes have been increased even more by the personal characterstics of our Imperial Ruler. Thus, the grandmother of our present Emperor, who was the first to assume the title of "Empress of India," reigned over the country for 64 years with great sagacity and justice, and was celebrated as "Victoria the Good" Her son, the Emperor Edward, who ruled for 9 years, was universally known as "the Peacemaker." Our present Emperor George, by the extensive tours undertaken even when Prince of Wales, acquainted himself with the characteristics of the different nations under British rule, and realised that the principal help towards good government is sympathy with the people, a sentiment which His Majesty has taken occasion to publicly express Only five days ago when the Emperor first arrived at Delhi, he made it known that there was no wish dearer to his heart than that India should be peaceful, prosperous and contented; and His Majesty has expressed a similar thought at this day's Durbar also.

It is a great piece of good fortune to us, subjects to be blessed with an Emperor possessing such splendid qualities. And there can be no doubt whatever that we shall continue to derive increased benefits hereafter from this circumstance.

Let us all pray reverently to God that our Emperor may, with Her Majesty the Empress and the members of the Royal Family, rule over the country for many years to come with great happiness and fame!

The President of the Ladies' Section had the honour of receiving the following messages, one from His Majesty's Camp, and the other from Her Majesty, the Empress:—

"I am commanded to thank you for your kind message."

"The Private Secretary has received The Queen Empress's Commands to thank the Ladies' Association, Sreenivasa Mandiram, Bangalore, for the kind expressions conveyed in their communication of the 12th December 1911"

The Secretary has no more to add. She wishes only to say that she expects much sympathy and help from her sisters and gentlemen leaders of the Hindu Society. She will be failing in her duty if she omits to mention the name of Mr. H V. Nanjundaiya, M.A., M L., First Councillor of the State, for giving her such advice and help.

The High Prices.

All over the country the prices are very high, and Bangalore Market is not standing behind in any way It also maintains the highest level. The Government of India have even appointed a Commission to enquire into the causes of these double and trible rates, and are in sympathy with the poor and poverty stricken people and mean finding some relief if possible. The question of high prices in these days is a great problem In consequence, the Mandiram experiences difficulties of an unusual kind, which even creates a doubt if bodies and souls could be kept together for any indefinite period of time. This forces us to appeal to Government for an increase of grant, and without which it would be impossible to continue living from hand to mouth even The present grant which the Mandiram receives, is one that was granted many years ago, when the country had not only more supplies to spare but the market also had a moderate price-list, which people of limited means could have easily met with. In those days the strength of the Orphanage was not what it is now. It has been a sore trial to us for the last some years to work under such circumstances. Hence, we pray the Government will afford us some relief if it finds that we do not aspire for anything unreasonable.

The Mandiram, being a Muzaroi Institution, we think we might be permitted to say that we welcome the Muzaroi Bill which aims at providing a law for the proper management of religious and charitable institutions We have only one observation to make, and that is, the Government would do a great service to the country, if especially they could see that our temples do not become places from which our religious and spiritual aspirations were not expelled, but maintained in their *Agamick* purity and greatness. The temples must have educated priests with large hearts. They must be men who

would really feel it as an honour if they should at all have opportunities to serve in such religious positions. They should be men of thorough competence and must be, in fact our moral and spiritual guides.

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We tender our thanks to Messrs. B. Sreenivasulu Naidu and Lakshmanasawmy Naidu for the gratituous help they are giving us in looking after the interests of the orphan boys. They not only look to their teaching but also to their industrial training as well. We are also thankful to Messrs. M. B. Varadaraja Iyengar, B A., B L, Advocate, S Narayana Rao, Retired Government Advocate, and Mr. K Srinivasa Roa, B.A, Amildar, Yedatore, for the ready help they always give us.

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We are also indebted to the following ladies for the help they give to the orphanage:—

Mrs. T Ananda Rao.
Mrs. K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer.
Mrs. Mahalakshamma.
Mrs. Y. Kamalaboyamma
Mrs. Seethaboyamma.
Mrs. M. Rangacharya
Mrs. Ranganancharamma.

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## CONCLUSION.

The above are the main features of our work in the year and now we must conclude In doing so, we have only to add one or two circumstances. As we do not own a school of our own, we seek the help of the Educational Institutions in the City, and we are thankful to the Principals, Proprietors and Managers of the several Schools, for the encouragement they have always been giving the Mandiram orphans in admitting them free From years together, they have extended this kindness to us It is in this year only, we experienced certain difficulties in securing these free admissions; and though the school authorities have not driven us adrift, still we pray that the Government will be pleased to recommend the Orphanage to all the authorities of the Government and grant-in-aid Institutions, to continue to shew us—the Mandiram Orphanage—their usual educational hospitality without any obstacles in the way of providing some educational facilities to these destitute orphan children.

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We raised a cry last year and appealed to Government for relief in connection with certain Municipal matters. We are grateful to the Government and the City Municipal Council for the attention they have given us. Below is the order of the Government:—

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

READ

Pages 5 and 6 of the annual report of the Srinivasa Mandiram, Bangalore, for the year 1910—11, bringing to notice certain defects, in the drainage in the vicinity of the Mandiram.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No 55 dated the 28th August 1912, from the President, Municipal Council, Bangalore City, reporting that the drainage of the locality has been improved at a cost of Rs 165.

Order thereon No. 2477—8 Mucl. 54—12-4.

*Dated, Bangalore 23rd September* 1912

RECORDED

(Sd) S. P. RAJAGOPLACHAR,
*For Offig. Secretary to Government.*

To

THE PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE CITY.

A. GOPALACHARLU, ESQ, SRINIVASA MANDIRAM, BANGALORE

We are only sorry the roads are not lowered yet, and we are not free from innudations in heavy and stormy rains.

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The following are the annual subscriptions and we tender our grateful thanks to the donors. Those who have forgotten the Mandiram this year, we hope will not forsake us :—

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Rs. 50, H. H the Yuvaraja, Rs. 50; Mr. T. Ananda Rao, Rs. 60; H. H. Sri Sringeri Swami, Rs. 20; H. H. the Vanamamalai Swami, Rs. 30, Messrs. A. Sundaramurthi Mudaliar and Thungavelu Mudaliar, Rs. 25; M. Visvesvarayya, Rs. 20, Mr. A. Srinivasacharlu, Rs. 15; Mr. B. Ramachandrappa, Municipal Commissioner, cost of 100 seers of rice, Rs. 17-8-0; P. Raghavendra Rao, Rs. 5; B. Sriramulu Chetty, Rs. 5; B. N. Venkataramiah, Rs. 5; B. Naraniengar, Rs. 5; T. Ramiah, Rs. 5; Mrs. B. Jayaram, Rs. 5; S. Narayana Rao, Rs. 5; T. S. Achamma, Rs. 5; T. Venkoba Rao, Rs. 4; A. T. Setlur Iyengar, Rs. 3; S. Ranganna, Advocate, Rs. 3; B. Ramaswamiengar, Rs. 3; B. Subbanna, Advocate, Rs. 5; M. A. Srinivasaiyengar, Rs. 2; Chengiah Chetty, Rs. 2; S. Srinivasiengar and Tirumalachar, Rs. 2; N. Narasimhaiyengar, Rs. 2; C. S. Doraswamier and M. G. Varadachar, Rs. 2; Sankarappa-Sivappa, Rs. 2; G. Aravamadu Iyengar, Rs. 2; C. Krishna Rao, Rs. 2; S. Varadaraja Iyengar, Rs. 2; L. A. Pourawal, Rs. 2; Dr. V. Abboy Naidu, Rs. 2, Dr. S. Venkoba Rao, Rs. 2; C. Srinivasiengar, Rs. 2; R. Ramanujiengar, Rs. 2; B. Puttiah, Re. 1; K. T. Narasimhiengar, Re. 1; Miss. Saradamma, Re. 1; Messrs. M. Tirunaraniengar, Re. 1, T. Venkoba Rao, Re. 1; B. Raghavendra Rao, Re. 1; B. Y. Jangamappa, Re. 1; K. S. Srinivasiengar, Miller & Co, Re. 1; E. Lakshman Das, B.T.A., Re. 1; H. V. Krishniah Garu, Re. 1; C. Vasudevayya, Re. 1; T. Ramachandra Rao, Re. 1, R. S. N. Seetharamiah, Re. 1; H Krishnappa, Re. 1; Baley Channa Krishnappa, Re. 1; Dr. Lakshmanswamy, Re. 1; N. Venkatesiengar, Re. 1, B K. Subbiah Chetty, Re 1, B. Krishnaswamiah, Re. 1, B. P Venkatramiah, Re 1; B. K. Murthi Rao, B A., B L, Re 1, T. Appu Rao, Re. 1; Dr. Radhakrishna Pillai, Re. 1; M. Narayanaswamy Naidu, Re. 1; S. Ramachar, Pleader, Re. 1; K. T. Sundararajiengar, Re. 1, Ramaswamiengar, Re. 0-8-0; B. Bujabalappa, Re. 0-8-0, B. C. Munisamappa, Re. 0-8-0; H. N. Roa, Re 0-4-0; Rajagopalachar, Mysore Tannery, Re. 0-4-0; B. Narasimha Iyengar, Rs. 2; S. T. Ramanjulu Naidu, Rs. 2-12-0; B. C. Garudachar, Re. 1; B. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Re. 1; Venkatappa-Muniyappa, Re. 1; Poor Man's Subscription Re. 0-1-0. Total Rs. 409-5-0.

*Abstract account of total receipts and disbursements for the year* 1911—1912, *i.e., from 1st July* 1911 *to* 30*th June*, 1912, *Srinivasa Mandiram and Charities, Bangalore*

| RECEIPTS. | | EXPENDITURE. | |
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| | Rs A P | | Rs. A. P. |
| Under all heads :—Rice-dole Collection, Small coin, Monthly Subscriptions, Subscriptions from Ladies for the Ladies' Section, Weekly Subscriptions, Collections from the Temple Charity box, *Thastick*, Palace Grant, Government Grants, Annual Subscriptions and value of produce from the lands at Mirlê, etc. | 2,882 11 0 | Under all heads :—Boarding of Orphans, Pilgrims, Temple-servants, charges of School wants, Lighting charges, purchase of clothing, books, tools, rattan, timber, examination fees, etc. Establishment—Library, Orphanage and Temple; purchase of books, (*Library Account*)—Subscriptions to Newspapers and periodicals, new furniture, purchase of new articles, repairs—annual and sundry, Printing, Postage, Telegrams, Kandayam paid to Government and miscellaneous. ... | 3,326 10 0 |
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| Total Rs.... | 3,326 10 0 | Total Rs... | 3,326 10 0 |

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Endorsement

With reference to his petition dy 3-4-1913 representing that the grant of Rs 50/- per mensem now given to the Orphanage attached to the Srinivasa mandiram ~~Orphanage~~ and charities, Bangalore City, is quite insufficient for its maintenance and praying for an increased grant-in-aid Mr Gopalachariu is informed that the question of enhancing the grant ~~will~~ can be considered only after the charities are placed on a legally secure basis by the appointment of trustees or the constitution of a Committee of Management

as directed in G.O
Nos. 2038-40/M.7.319-09-3
dt 12-2-1910 and No. 80-2/
M.7.456-11-6 dt 24-7-1912.

By order

17.7.13

For Secretary

16/7/13

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